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1. INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT HECTOR MARIO MONGIARDIN-MARSICO WAS DETAINED BY THE PUERTO RICAN POLICE IN SAN JUAN.

2. DETENTION IS BELIVED TO HAVE RESULTED FROM A REQUEST BY INTER-POL URUGUAY INDICATING THAT MONGIARDIN IS WANTED FOR EXTRADITION BECAUSE OF A WARRENT CHARGING HIM WITH A NARCOTICS VIOLATION IN THIS COUNTRY.

3. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE EXISTING EXTRADITION TREATY DATING FROM 1908 NARCOTICS OFFENSES ARE NOT COVERED.

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A NEW TREATY WHICH DOES COVER EXTRADITION FOR NARCOTICS VIOLATION

IS PENDING, BUT HAS NOT BEEN PASSED. NO FORMAL REQUEST HAS SO FAR BEEN TENDERED BY THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT TO THE US EMBASSY TO SEEK MONGIARDINI'S EXTRADITION, ALTHOUGH ADDITIONAL PENDING CHARGES AGAINST HIM IN URUGUAY INVOLVING DOCUMENT FRAUD COULD PLACE HIM UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 1908 TREATY AS ELIGIBLE FOR EXTRADITION.

4. IN URUGUAY MONGIARDIN IS CHARGED WITH AIDING AN UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE WHO WAS APPREHENDED ENTERING QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO ON 12/21/73 CARRYING EIGHT KILOS OF COCAINE, AND WHO WAS TRAVELING UNDER AN URUGUAYAN PASSPORT IDENTIFYING HER AS GLADYS LUCIA MEDIAN-MACIEL. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION BY SA RODRIGUEZ IN MONTEVIDEO HAS CONCLUSIVELY ESTABLISHED THAT MEDINA-MACIEL WO IS A PROSTITUTE REMAINS IN URUGUAY. SHE HAS STATED THAT SHE TOOK OUT A PASSPORT AT MONGIARDIN'S URGING AND LATER TURNED THE DOCUMENT OVER TO HIM.

5. SAIC WHITE CONFERRED WITH COMISARIO HUGO CAMPOS OF THE URUGUAYAN NARCOTICS BRIGADE TODAY CONCERNING THE ABOVE MATTER. MR. CAMPOS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY PROCEDURES WITH THE COURT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT FORMAL EXTRADITION OF MONGIARDIN COULD BE SOUGHT ON THE CHARGES OF DOCUMENT FRAUD. MR. CAMPOS FURTHER INDICATED THAT EVEN IF EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS WERE INSTITUTED THAT IS DOUBTFUL IF THEY COULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT FOR LACK OF FUNDS IN THE OPERATIONAL BUDGET TO COVER THE COST OF MONGIARDIN'S RETURN. ACCORDING TO CAMPOS MONGIARDIN FACES SEVEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT IF RETURNED TO URUGUAY.

6. SAIC WHITE PROVIDES CRO WITH THE ABOVE FACTS IN ORDER THAT A CONSIDERED JUDGEMENT MAY BE UNDERTAKEN TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY DEA WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO ASSURE MONGIARDIN'S RETURN TO URUGUAY TO FACE CHARGES AND WHETHER SUCH ASSISTANCE IS FEASIBLE.

7. MONGIARDIN'S PRESENT STATUS IN US TERRITORY IS BELIVED TO BE THAT OF AN ILLEGAL ALIEN WHO HAS OVER STAYED THE TERMS OF HIS VISA MAKING HIS REMOVAL FROM THE COUNTRY SUBJECT TO ACTION BY THE US IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES.

8. THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONTROLL EXPULSION OF MONGIARDIN FROM PUERTO RICO COULD BE EXPLORED BUT WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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